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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are also enclosed.

Three of the cited references were called to Applicant's attention in a Search Report dated December 28, 2001 for European Patent Application No. 01 120 875.8, which is a counterpart to the instant case. A copy of that Search Report is also enclosed.

For the concise explanation of Japanese Patent Applications Laid-Open Nos. 59-123670, 59-138461 and 6-71260, the Examiner is referred to the discussion

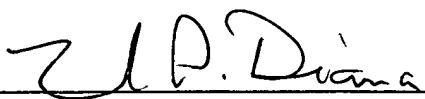
starting at page 45, line 17, and ending at page 46, line 7 of the specification, and to the corresponding English-language abstract submitted herewith.

For the concise explanation of Japanese Patent Application Laid-Open No. 54-56847, the Examiner is referred to the discussion starting at page 48, line 12, and ending at page 48, line 19 of the specification, and to the corresponding English-language abstract submitted herewith.

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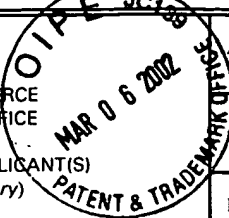
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